(c) by when the decision on this is likely to be taken; and

(d) what is the criteria for fixing Railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The following stations are proposed to be provided on Narkhed-Amravati line:—

(i) Narkhed (ii) Mouwad (iii) Pulsa (iv) Vinoda (v) Hiwarkhed (vi) Pala (vii) Morsi (viii) Astgaon (ix) Kolvihar (x) Chandur Bazar (xi) Shirala (xii) Walgaon (xiii) Amravati Road (xiv) Badnera.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Stations are located either close to population centres/industrial areas for catering to the traffic requirements of such places, or at operationally required points for crossing of trains etc.

Expansion of Narkhed Railway station

2508. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narkhed Railway Station would be upgraded and expanded, keeping in view the new Narkhed Amravati Rail line;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how much money is sanctioned for this purpose; and

(d) the details of other stations on this line which would be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will become a Junction station with all necessary infrastructure required for the purpose.

(c) It is a part of the new line project. There is no separate sanction.

(d) Upgradation of wayside stations are done on existing rail lines and not on proposed new lines.

Tri Weekly Rajdhani Express via Patna

2509. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry has any proposal of running tri weekly the Rajdhani Express via Patna in place of bi-weekly as at present;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) A weekly Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati is proposed to be introduced in July '94 Time Table. Thereafter Rajdhani service between New Delhi and Patna will be available thrice a week.

Purchase of Old Flat wagons from Spain

2510. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to scrap plans to buy 500 old container flat wagons from Spain for Container Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons for not making attempts for the development and manufacture of this type of wagons in India by the Railways units at Bangalore or elsewhere; and

(d) in what manner it is proposed to go ahead with the purchase from abroad instead of undertaking manufacture in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Indigenous capability already exists and the proposal will be

considered for acceptance only if it is found technically and commercially attractive.

मध्य प्रदेश में मंडल कार्यालय स्थापित किये जाना

2511. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में किस-किस स्थान पर कितने मंडल कार्यालय स्थापित किये गये हैं ;

(ख) मंडल कार्यालय स्थापित करने के लिए क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1993 और 1994 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ अतिरिक्त मंडल कार्यालय स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में चार मंडल कार्यालय हैं अर्थात् मध्य रेलवे पर भोपाल तथा जबलपुर, दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे पर बिलासपुर और पश्चिम रेलवे पर रतलाम।

(ख) आकार, कार्यभार, यातायात में वृद्धि तथा उसके स्वरूप और अन्य परिचालनिक आवश्यकताओं तथा किफायत और कुशलता संबंधी जरुरतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए रेलवे मंडलों का गठन किया जाता है।

(ग) और (घ) नये जोन/मंडलों के सृजन से संबंधित मामले का अध्ययन तथा जांच की जा रही है ।

Starting of "weekend holiday tours"

2512. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are planning to start 'weekend holiday tours' for the benefit of the inland and foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, by when the said 'weekend holiday tours' by the Railways would be started; and

(c) what are the salient features of these tours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first in the series of weekend tours, 'SABARMATI RE-VISITED' has already been introduced from Delhi, Bombay and Jaipur. Arrangements are being tied up with the Tourism Development Corporations of State Governments for introducing similar package weekend tours to other tourist destinaitons on a phased basis.

(c) The salient features of the package tours consist of guaranteed rail reservetion in both directions in 2 AC or Second Class Sleeper Coach, stay in guest houses, catering and conducted sightseeing tour at destination station in collaboration with Tourism Development Corporation of the concerned State.

Madras Rapid Transport System

@2513. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds were allotted for Madras Rapid Transport System during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much, out of these funds, have been spent in each year;

@Previously unstarred Question 1709, transferred from 4th March, 1994.